

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE FACULTY SENATE HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1980, IN LISNER  
HALL, ROOM 603

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The President called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Present: President Elliott, Registrar Gebhardttsbauer, Parliamentarian Cheh, Birnbaum, Divita, Fox, Frey, Gallagher, Griffith, Hawkins, Heddesheimer, Hill, Kelly, Linton, Loeser, Mazzeo, Morgan, Packer, Pierpont, Reiss, Robinson, Schiff, L. Solomon, Wallace, and Ziolkowski

Absent: Provost Bright, Barron, Chandler, Chitwood, Kirsch, Liebowitz, Linkowski, Park, Sapin, H. Solomon, Steiner, Toridis, and Walker

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The minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 1980, were approved as distributed.

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(a) On behalf of the Committee on Educational Policy, Professor Schiff, Chairman, moved the adoption of Resolution 80/10, "A Resolution Pertaining to the Enrollment of Undergraduate Students in Courses Other Than Those Offered by the School or College in Which They are Registered," and the motion was seconded. Professor Schiff explained that this proposal came to his Committee via the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students. He said the first task of his Committee was to ascertain whether this recommendation pertained to more than just Columbian College which has a 12-hour limitation on the number of courses that undergraduate students can take outside of Columbian College and count towards credit. Professor Schiff said that his Committee held a forum which was widely-advertised and poorly-attended; nevertheless, he said, the sense of that meeting was that the students were very much in favor of such liberalization and the faculty listened. He said the matter was also presented at the last Columbian College meeting of the previous spring and it was ascertained that there was quite a bit of sentiment toward changing the present standards by about a 2-to-1 ratio. He said that the end result of all the discussion and deliberation was the resolution before the Senate which was, indeed, primarily a request by the various schools and divisions for a review of this proposal, and really nothing more.

Professor Griffith said that he supported both parts of the resolution because he felt that the students' options have been really narrowed beyond what they should be. He said that he thought there seemed to be a general drift in the country toward introducing more professional or practical elements in the liberal arts and he would hope that there would be a corresponding effort to do more in the way of providing more so-called liberal arts courses in the professional schools.

3 Professor Fox also spoke in favor of the resolution. He said the Engineering School does attempt to broaden the students' studies beyond the required courses. On the other hand, he said that his colleagues in the Engineering School would certainly welcome students from other schools of the University to take some of their Engineering School courses which may enlighten students in the liberal arts and in the other schools. No further discussion was held. The question was called and Resolution 80/10 was adopted unanimously. [Resolution attached.]

(b) Professor Hill, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the adoption of Resolution 80/11, "A Resolution to Designate September as a Regular Meeting Time of the Faculty Senate," and the motion was seconded. Professor Hill said that the Bylaws of the Senate in the Faculty Organization Plan do not include "September" as a regular meeting time of the Senate and, inasmuch as the Senate has been meeting in September for the past eight years, he thought a resolution to amend the Bylaws to include September was appropriate as he thought it was important for the Senate to meet in September in order to find out what the Senate committees have accomplished over the summer months. The question was called and Resolution 80/11 was adopted unanimously. [Resolution attached.]

4 No resolutions were introduced under Introduction of Resolutions.

5 (a) Professor Hill, on behalf of the Executive Committee, nominated the following faculty for election to the following committees: Associate Professor Janet C. Heddeshimer as Chairman of the Admissions and Advanced Standing Committee to replace Professor Marvin Gordon, who is on sabbatical leave, fall, 1980; Professor M. Elizabeth Tidball as Acting Chairman of the Public Ceremonies Committee to replace Associate Professor Astere E. Claeysens, who is on sabbatical leave, fall, 1980; and Assistant Professor Leslie B. Jacobson to the Marvin Center Governing Board to replace Associate Professor William C. Parke, who resigned. The nominees were elected unanimously.

(b) Professor Hill, on behalf of the Executive Committee, nominated the following faculty for election as replacements to the Faculty Grievance Committee: Professor Robert W. Kenny to serve as a replacement for Professor Ralph E. Purcell during Professor Purcell's absence on fall sabbatical 1980; Professor Frederick C. Kurtz to serve as a replacement for Professor Ben Burdetsky for a term expiring March 1, 1983; and Professor C. Thomas Dienes to serve as a replacement for Professor Ralph C. Nash, Jr., for a term expiring March 1, 1983. The nominees were elected unanimously.

(c) Professor Hill, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, reported that the Special Committee on Faculty Salary Problems established last spring, chaired by Professor Cibinic, had completed its inquiry and that its report and recommendations would be forwarded to the Executive Committee for its September 26th meeting. He said that this report and recommendations would be distributed to faculty members with the agenda for the October 12th Faculty Senate meeting. Professor Hill said that Professor Kirsch had asked to be excused from the Senate meeting today because of his observance of the Holy Days.

(d) Interim Reports by Senate Committee Chairmen were made as follows:

(1) Educational Policy Committee - Professor Schiff reported that the Committee was reviewing the matter of a uniform drop date for courses as it pertains within the University.

(2) Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee - Professor Griffith reported that the Committee had formed a subcommittee, chaired by Professor Park, to review the grievance procedures in the Faculty Code, and at the time had inadvertently omitted representatives from the School of Engineering. To correct this omission, he said that Professors Shane and Singpurwalla have been added to the membership of this subcommittee, and that the subcommittee has begun its work.

(3) Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies Committee - Professor Robinson said that a number of issues had been assigned to the Committee ranging from use of the Faculty Club to tuition exchange to benefits of retired faculty, and that she expected to have something to report in more detail at the next meeting.

(4) Fiscal Planning and Budgeting Committee - Professor Divita said that he had spent most of the summer trying to understand more fully what the opportunities were for the Committee. He said the Committee would meet October 6th and he wished to give the Senate some insight as to what direction he wished to take. The focus of the Committee in the past, he said, has been on the budget, and since the budget was well in hand by September and too late to do very much about that, he said his interest was going to be to focus on the other half of the task; namely, the planning side to determine whether there was some merit in developing some kind of mechanism for an operating plan for the University which would be the basis upon which one could examine whether there was any relevancy for the budget, obviously not for this year, but maybe for three or four years out.

(5) Library Committee - Professor Mazzeo said that the Committee would be meeting to consider its work for the coming year and among other things would be introducing a resolution acknowledging the money that had been given to the Library recently. Also, he said, the problems of departmental acquisition would be reviewed by the Committee.

6 No Brief Statements were made.

7 Upon motion made and seconded, the President adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.



Robert Gebhardtsbauer  
Secretary

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ENROLLMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN COURSES  
OTHER THAN THOSE OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED (80/10)

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students has proposed a modification of restrictions on the number of semester hours that undergraduate students may take for credit toward graduation in Schools or Colleges of this University other than the one in which they are enrolled; and

WHEREAS, a number of Schools and Colleges within the University have restrictions in the form of curriculum requirements which prevent undergraduate students from enrolling in other divisions for elective credit; and

WHEREAS, undergraduate students might benefit from increased opportunities to broaden their educational experiences at The George Washington University; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

That it recommend to the faculty of Columbian College

1. That, as part of the curriculum review process presently being undertaken within Columbian College, the policy of limiting to twelve the number of undergraduate credits taken in other Schools of The George Washington University and counted toward the degree requirements be re-examined with the intent of determining whether such a specific limitation (rather than some other criterion, such as a list of acceptable professional courses) is appropriate to the present educational trends and academic goals of the Liberal Arts curriculum; and
2. That, while the review process is taking place, petitions by students requesting additional credits in excess of the twelve currently permitted, be given more favorable consideration based on the merits of the individual requests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE

That it recommend to the faculties of the School of Government and Business Administration, Education and Human Development, Public and International Affairs, and other professional schools

1. That they examine their course requirements, with the intention of determining whether the number of elective courses that undergraduate students may take in schools other than the one in which they are registered might be increased.

Educational Policy Committee  
April 25, 1980

Adopted September 12, 1980

A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER AS A REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE FACULTY SENATE (80/11)

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate has, for the past eight years, held a "regular meeting" in the month of September, and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Senate omit September from the list of months during which "regular meetings . . . shall be held," now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1 (a), Meetings and Sessions, Bylaws of the Faculty Senate  
(Faculty Organization Plan, p. 9) be amended by inserting the word  
"September" in front of the word "October" in line 2 of that section.

Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate  
August 26, 1980

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
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The Faculty Senate

September 3, 1980

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, September 12, 1980, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Lisner Hall.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 1980
3. Resolutions:
  - (a) A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ENROLLMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN COURSES OTHER THAN THOSE OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED (80/10), Professor Stefan O. Schiff, Chairman, Educational Policy Committee (resolution attached)
  - (b) A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER AS A REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE FACULTY SENATE (80/11), Professor Peter P. Hill, Chairman, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate (resolution attached)
4. Introduction of Resolutions
5. General Business:
  - (a) Nomination for election of Associate Professor Janet C. Heddesheimer as Chairman of the Admissions and Advanced Standing Committee to replace Professor Marvin Gordon (Sabb., Fall 1980), and nomination for election of Professor M. Elizabeth Tidball as Acting Chairman of the Public Ceremonies Committee to replace Associate Professor Astere E. Claeysens (Sabb., Fall 1980)
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  - (c) Report of the Executive Committee: Professor Peter P. Hill, Chairman
  - (d) Interim Reports of Senate Standing Committee
6. Brief Statements
7. Adjournment



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